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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Siev, et al.

Application No.: 09/122,576

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Examiner:

Epperson, J.D.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING

GROUP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination and a three- month extension of time accompany this response.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of pending claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.